

Ruby Salyer Butcher

Ruby Jewel Salyer Butcher, 86, of Summersville, passed away on February 2, 2014. The daughter of Millard Salyer and Sarah Exer Estep Salyer, Ruby was born on January 12, 1928 in Fuget, Johnson County, Kentucky. Ruby graduated as valedictorian of Flat Gap High School in 1947 and graduated from Berea College in 1951 with a degree in Vocational Home Economics Education. Ruby married Brookley Rush Butcher, a Berea College classmate, on December 23, 1949. In addition to her parents, Ruby was preceded in death by her loving husband, Rush, and one sister, Mrs. Lexie May Cantrell, of Volga, Kentucky.

Ruby Butcher received the 4-H All Star award for her years of service to 4-H club work and was active in the Home Demonstration Clubs of Nicholas County. She was an active member of the Summersville Memorial United Methodist Church, where she sang in the church choir and was a youth leader. Along with her husband, Ruby was an active member of the Muddlety-Glade Creek Ruritan Club. For many years, Ruby was the 4-H Club Leader for the Rocketeers 4-H Club in Glade Creek. Ruby was an avid gardener and enjoyed dancing, singing, sewing, crafting, baking, farming, and raising AKC Collie and Sheltie dogs.

Rush and Ruby were well known for the formation of the Heritage Dance Team which traveled through West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky to perform and teach heritage and international dancing. In 1991, Mrs. Butcher, along with her husband Rush, received the West Virginia Vandalia Award for the preservation of heritage dancing in West Virginia.

Ruby is survived by her brother Mr. James A. Salyer and his wife, Gay, of Foster, WV, one daughter Judy Butcher Nutter and husband, Randy; one son, Keith Butcher and wife, Pamela Moore Butcher; grandchildren, Pamela Nutter Hilvers Griffiths and husband, Sam, Steven Nutter, Erin Butcher Maradei and husband Jamin, Andrew Butcher and Samuel Butcher; and great-grandchildren Madeline and Macy Hilvers, and Hailey Murphy.

Visitation will be held at 12:00 noon on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Summersville Memorial United Methodist Church in Summersville with services to immediately follow at 1:00 pm. Services will be conducted by Rev. David Lancaster of the Memorial United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at the Flatwoods Cemetery in Flatwoods, WV. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Nicholas 4-H Youth Foundation at 715 Main Street, Summersville, WV, 26651. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.whitefuneralhomewv.com